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Israel May Ask Death For Former High Nazi

JERUSALEM, May 24 (AP) — Israeli legal experts today said the death penalty may be asked for Adolf Eichmann, former Hitler official charged with the extermination of 6 million Jews.

Israel yesterday announced the 54-year-old war criminal's arrest after a hunt of more than 14 years and said he would be tried here. He was brought into a Jaffa court early yesterday and arraigned.

Premier David Ben-Gurion told Parliament that Eichmann would be tried under terms of Israel's law for the trial of Nazis and their collaborators.

The Premier gave no details of the arrest of the man who was a top aide to Heinrich Himmler, boss of the dread Nazi Gestapo. Eichmann dropped from sight in the confusion at the end of the war and subsequently was reported in several Latin American countries, in Australia, in Switzerland and last October in the Middle East. The British hunted for him and he also was wanted for murder in West Germany.

The Israeli radio reported it had been swamped with calls from persons declaring they were among Eichmann's tor-



ADOLF EICHMANN

—AP Wirephoto

tore victims and expressing satisfaction that he had been caught and would be tried in justice. The Israeli Parliament abolished the death penalty two years ago except for treason cases against the state and war crimes against the Jewish people.

Although no details were released on Eichmann's arrest it was learned he had been caught in Israel and had not been extradited from any foreign country. The Ministry of Justice said he readily admitted his identity and asked for legal counsel.

"Resettled" 35,000 Jews

A police officer present during the arraignment told reporters that Eichmann looked well groomed, clean shaven and younger than his 54 years.

After the anschluss in Austria, Eichmann headed the "Office for Jewish Emigration," the Nazi authority dealing with the deportation and expulsion of Jews.

In 1939 he transferred to Prague where he boasted he "resettled" 35,000 Jews.

The Nazis in 1941 brought him back to Germany and made him head of an office charged with the "solution of the Jewish question." In other words the liquidation of millions of Jews. The office bore the name of its master—Dienststelle Eichmann (Eichmann Authority).

He also was alleged to have supervised personally the liquidation of the Jews in Budapest.

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Israel Seizes Nazi Chief Of Extermination of Jews

By LAWRENCE FELLOWS

Special to The New York Times

JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), May 23.—Premier David Ben-Gurion announced today that Adolf Eichmann, the S. S. colonel who headed the Gestapo's Jewish Section, was under arrest in Israel and would stand trial for his life.

The Premier made the announcement in the Knesset (Parliament) this afternoon with dramatic understatement. Members were startled by the news.

Mr. Ben-Gurion gave little additional information, nor could much be learned afterward of the circumstances under which Eichmann had been apprehended and where he was being held.

"I have to inform the Knesset," Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "that a short time ago one of the greatest of the Nazi war criminals, Adolf Eichmann with whom responsible together with the Nazi leaders for what they called the final solution of the Jewish question, that is the extermination of 6,000,000 of the Jews of Europe, was captured by the Israeli security services."

Trial Planned Shortly

"Adolf Eichmann is already under arrest in Israel and will shortly be placed on trial in Israel under the terms of the law for the trial of Nazis and their collaborators."

Danias Rosen, the Minister of Justice, was unavailable after the Knesset meeting together with Josef Nahmias, Inspector General of the police.

They declined to say where or when Eichmann was found, or whether any other country had assisted in his capture.

Mr. Rosen said Eichmann was held without charge under a magistrate's warrant issued yesterday in Jaffa.

Eichmann disappeared in 1945 in Czechoslovakia ahead of advancing United States and Soviet troops. Jewish units had been searching for him with the

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help of former S. S. officers since the end of the war.

There were reports last November that Eichmann was in Kuwait, but when he was asked to identify himself to the Knesset as to what the "final solution" was being carried out, he responded, "Mr. Rosen said steps were being taken to hold him only be questioned by further questions."

Asked if it was true today that Eichmann was undoubtedly wanted for a series of crimes that had been committed by the Germans,

Mr. Rosen said he was not certain when he was asked, "With whom?" he said.

Mr. Rosen said that in due time Eichmann would be given a defense counsel. He said the lawyer might be brought from abroad to avoid charges of prejudice.

Asked if there was enough evidence to indict Eichmann and try him, Mr. Rosen said: "Most definitely. There's sufficient proof. We are also getting witnesses together."

The capital law passed in Israel states:

"A person who has committed a crime during the period of the Nazi regime, in an enemy country, an act constituting a crime against the Jewish people . . . is liable to the death penalty."

Eichmann will be the first to be tried under this provision, most Israeli history books on the subject say. They have been death sentences crimes against the Jews. Eichmann has been described as the most bloodthirsty of the Nazi leaders.

Eichmann, who is 53 years old, officials in Israel said he was



Associated Press
ARRESTED BY ISRAEL:
Adolf Eichmann, a former leader of Nazi Gestapo. He is shown in a file photograph taken some years ago.

old, is apparently fit and has admitted his identity, according to Mr. Nahmias. He said that Eichmann had not asked for consular help. West German interests in Israel are represented by the British Consulate in Haifa.

At least part of the trial is expected to be conducted in secret because of the secret nature of Eichmann's capture.

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Israeli Security Agents Seized Nazi Killer in Another Nation

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JERUSALEM, May 24.—Adolph Eichmann, captured through the efforts of Israeli agents alone. He added that S. S. (Nazi shock troops) foreign officials had been bribed into cooperating with the Irgun who headed the Gestapo's Secret State Police. Jewish-Israeli agents nor would any section, was spirited from money be passed to them in his home in an undisclosed future.

country by Israeli security. However, it is suspected here that a foreign country, or several,

The 54-year-old Eichmann is Israel, is deeply involved in the in an Israeli jail. The police case, if only in permitting Israel has said that he is fit, but no Israeli agents to work freely in outsider has been permitted to their search for people they see him.

Premier David Ben-Gurion: Speculation in the Israeli announced yesterday that Eichmann is narrowing to South

mann had been captured and America.

would stand trial for his life. Evidence is being assembled

The charges against him will in preparation for the trial of cover his part in the extermination of European Jews by the legal authority suggested today

Germans.

That afternoon the head of until next year.

Israel's Security Service called. The authority explained that news conference to state that

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Eichmann would find it difficult to find witnesses to testify on his behalf. It is not likely that he will get into passage of Eichmann's old friends or colleagues who might want to testify.

If any were to come to Israel, the authority said, they would be investigated to determine the extent of their involvement in any crimes against Jews. Whatever their citizenship, they would be tried in Israel.

The Israeli law on Nazi crimes against Jews is retro-

According to the article, Mr. pay no attention to their abduction. Friedman was 16 years old at the time. She also disclosed that before when the Germans invaded Poland, his disappearance, Eichmann had destroyed most of his photographs, burned letters and documents were a nightmare of comments and had his face changed concentration camp and forced by plastic surgery. The kidnapping scheme was dropped.

"He saw his family battered to death with Nazi rifle butts reported to be working for a British oil company in Kuwait and he saw countless other Jewish men, women and children shot, clubbed, drowned. Friedman felt certain he could pass, burned and turned into track down his quarry there and fertilizer and laundry soap." hire professional killers to assassinate him. But he is re-

Mr. Friedman was scrubbing ported to have decided to scrub the floor of an officers' latrine concentrate on capturing him. In a concentration camp one! Mr. Friedman was described day when he overheard a conversation between two S. S. of extradited to West Germany for fears. One of them, the deputy trial for crimes against human camp commandant, was going to. Mr. Helman wrote: "The Germans themselves must punish Eichmann and this is the only form of revenge acceptable to Friedman."

Bona Would Try Eichmann

BONN, Germany, May 24.—Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer said in Parliament here today that he would like to have Adolph Eichmann brought to trial in West Germany.

Eichmann's capture was credited here by Benjamin R. Epstein became the guerrilla leader, and when the Germans were driven out of Poland, he found them. They were hanged. They were hanged. The first two criminals on his post as the director of Israel's last after the war were the two war crimes documentarian, former S. S. officers, and he found them. They were hanged. They were hanged. The West German mass-circulation newspaper *Abendpost* quoted a well-informed source in Tel Aviv today as having said that "a special Israeli commando had probably abducted Eichmann from a neighboring Arab country."

Other West German papers quoted a well-informed source that Eichmann had been reported seen published by Egon Erwin Kisch. But before he could both in Cairo and Kuwait. They claimed devoted part of his execute this plan. Mr. Friedman speculated that Eichmann might have been abducted by the Israeli secret service from the that Mr. Friedman had tried, mistresses. She told him thatrael Secret Service from the that Mr. Friedman had tried, mistresses. She told him thatrael Secret Service from the

Eichmann Capture a Secret

By Arye Wallenstein
Reuters

JERUSALEM, May 24—A high Israeli police official said tonight the details of the capture of Adolph Eichmann, accused of the murder of millions of European Jews, will "never be revealed."

The official, Inspector General Yosef Nahmias, told a news conference that the investigation of the most wanted Nazi war criminal in Israel was "just beginning." He announced that German-born police officer Abraham Seigner had been named chief investigator.

Nahmias said newsmen will not be permitted to interview or photograph Eichmann "even during the trial."

Earlier, legal experts said the preparation of a case and trial would each take several months at least.

Trail to Uncover Nazis

The trial, the experts said, will probably go into the whole history of Nazi persecution of Jews, concentration camps and gas chambers and reveal un-told chapters of Nazism and Nazis.

Nahmias described Eichmann as "lanky, about five feet ten inches tall with black, balding hair and somewhat tanned skin." He said Eichmann was saying that "a special Israeli commando had probably abduct him from a neighboring Arab country."

He said Eichmann accused Chief public prosecutor of ordering some six million West Germans, Jews put to death, had been supplied with German books

and was eating kosher food in case, said last December that his solitary confinement cell, he believed Eichmann was in "Air already several people Kuwait working as a middleman" the Inspector General said. He said some foreign firms and the oil-rich island

According to usually reliable sources in Jerusalem Israel intelligence had tracked Eichmann for years through scores of countries in three continents. He was described as "the greatest living enemy of the Jewish people."

Not Formally Charged

Eichmann has not yet been formally charged. He appeared before a magistrate in Jaffa Monday and was remanded for 14 days. He is being held for war crimes—the maximum penalty for which is death in Israel.

The lanky, 53-year-old Eichmann, his face wrinkled and handcuffs removed, stood attention as the magistrate told him: "You are accused of causing the deaths of millions of Jews in Germany and occupied territories in the years 1938-45."

Eichmann said: "I am not responsible for the deeds of which I am being accused and I shall prove it at the appropriate time," according to 1938 under Hitler's orders to minutes of the proceedings generate and arm an Arab uprising.

In most Israeli history Captured documents here books, Eichmann is described as the most bloodthirsty of all Eichmann submitted to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler. Eichmann a detailed proposal to "settle Palestine-born. Eichmann speaks fluent Hebrew. He the Jewish problem" and in attended Jewish schools and the same year ordered the first transport of Jews to Germany. camps where gas chambers

He returned to Palestine in had been built.

Eichmann Trapped by 1940 Photo

Reuters

JERUSALEM, May 25—A girl friend's 29-year-old photo of Adolf Eichmann was reported today to have trapped the alleged Nazi killer of 6 million Jews.

The report appeared in Davar, the newspaper of Premier David Ben-Gurion.

It said Israeli intelligence agents followed up 100 tips before finding Eichmann and identifying him from the old photo.

Davar said the hunt was started by Asher Ben-Nathan, now director-general of the Defense Ministry, when he was acting for the Jewish underground organization Irgun at the end of World War II.

He obtained from Eichmann's girl friend the only clear photograph of him. Although it was 20 years old, it left little doubt of his identity when he was traced.

Watched for Baby-Face

Intelligence agents were told to watch for a baby-face, with a slightly twisted lower lip, effeminate features, a high forehead and receding hair.

They shadowed him for a long time before arresting him, studying his habits, work and daily routine.

The shock of capture shattered him, the paper said, and it was some time before he recovered enough to talk to his captors.

Well-informed sources here said they did not believe the Israeli government would ever admit to capturing a man in a foreign country.

Israel's diplomats abroad are reported to have been told to keep a close watch on reaction to the Eichmann case—especially in South America, where some newspapers claim he was caught.

Followed 15-Year Hunt

Eichmann's arrest, announced Monday night, followed a 15-year search of three continents by Israeli agents.

A high Israeli police official said the full story about how the 54-year-old Nazi was caught "will never be revealed . . . even during the trial."

"In Vienna, the Socialist Arbeiter Zeitung said Eichmann escaped from Austria to Spain on a bogus Spanish passport in 1949.

The newspaper also claimed the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem met Eichmann in Cairo last year. Later, it was learned according to the report, that Eichmann was living in the oil sheikdom of Kuwait, where he worked for a German concern.

In May, 1945, at the end of World War II, Eichmann appeared in his German uniform in Alt-Aussee. American occupation authorities arrested him there, but did not recognize they had a major Nazi, according to Austrian officials.

Brother 'Surprised'

His brother, Robert Eichmann, a lawyer, said in Vienna today: "We believed my brother died years ago. I was taken completely by surprise at the news of his arrest in Israel."

He said he did not have the faintest clue as to the whereabouts of his brother's wife and three sons except that they no longer live in Austria.

In the meantime, former SS officer Hermann Krumey today was rearrested on suspicion of complicity in the murder and robbery of Hungarian Jews in 1944, according to sources in Frankfurt.

Krumey, a refugee living in Kerbach, in the West German State of Hesse, first was arrested in April, 1957, on suspicion of being involved in the deportation and extermination of 400,000 Hungarian Jews in 1944, but later was freed by court order.

He again was arrested in August, 1958, on suspicion of having handed over to the Gestapo for special treatment 28 children from the Czech village of Lidice, which was razed by the Germans in 1942, but was released in September, 1958, for lack of evidence.